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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Wittstock airfield between 2 July and 11 August when the possibilities of observation were limited:

2 July. There was no air activity throughout the day. The weather was fair. Beginning approximately at 2130, night flying was conducted by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s. During the take-offs and landings, the runway was illuminated by searchlights in addition to the usual runway lights.

5 July. Flights were conducted at night.

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2, 3 and 4 August. Air activity was under way before the beginning of nightfall. MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s fired at a sleeve target towed by a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15. Firing was also practiced at a ground target in the vicinity of the field.

7 to 10 August. Individual flights were heard. The weather usually was rainy.

11 August. No air activity was observed.<sup>1</sup>

2. A radio installation with 2 masts was observed in the eastern extension of the runway, at the southern exit of Berlinchen. A lead-in extended from the installation to a wooden hut located in the middle of the installation. Another radio installation with 4 masts and a radio truck with an umbrella-type antenna were observed in the vicinity of Berlinchen and at the edge of the village respectively. A Token-type radar set was located on Rockstaedterberg within the field boundary.<sup>2</sup>
3. During July, air activity was limited because of rainy weather. Individual and formation flights were made in the vicinity of the field, in addition to flights made outside of the range of visibility and

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attacks at towed sleeve targets. Those attacks were also made at night while searchlights were in operation. During the first half of August, dives were repeatedly observed.<sup>1</sup>

4. On 17 August, the following radio installations and radio stations were observed: A Tokon-type radar set and a Fishnet-type radar set on Rockstadterberg. Two radio masts, one of which mounted a set similar to a Fishnet-type set, at a point in line with the southwestern corner of the field as previously observed. Recently there has also been seen a van-like trailer about the size of a radio truck, but without antennas. At the same site were 2 wooden sheds, probably for motor vehicles. A Fishnet-type radar set and a Iniforest-type radar set were still seen in the southern quartering area. The previously observed radio truck with a round superstructure was still located between the runway and the hangar and was the last but one in the eastern section of the field. On the roof of the vehicle was a concave device, about 1 meter in diameter, fitted on a rectangular footing. The device continuously rotated at an angle of 180 degrees.<sup>2</sup>
5. The AA gun emplacement south of the western end of the runway was still occupied. On 16 August, the targetlines were removed from 2 guns estimated at 37 mm. Each gun was surrounded by 4 or 5 men who apparently practiced gun cleaning.<sup>3</sup>
6. During July, painters were still painting at the Red Hill Inn. A portion of the building was occupied by 5 viet dependents. The billets were not guarded in early August.<sup>4</sup>

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3. The following air activity was observed between 8 July and 20 August:

8 July. Throughout the day, MIG-15s and U-2s made local individual flights and dives at towed sleeve targets. There was a closed talking.

9 July. Individual flights were made during the morning.

10 to 11 July. No air activity was observed throughout the days or at night. On the evening of 12 July, however, a twin-engine aircraft took off.

13 July. Flying was observed in the afternoon.

14 July. During the morning, flights were made in elements of two and four times of four. During the afternoon, only individual flights were made until there were intermittent rain showers.

15 July. MIG-15s and U-2s practiced flying throughout the day and at night.

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17 to 19 July. No air activity was observed. There was rainy weather.

20 to 23 July. Throughout the day, there was air activity, in particular flights in formations of two and four. Night flights were observed on 22 July.

24 to 27 July. No aircraft were seen aloft. The weather was rainy.

28 July. Throughout the day, aircraft practiced flying individually and in formations of two. After 2100, firing at towed sleeve targets was practiced while searchlights were in operation.

29 July. Air activity was heard during daytime.

1 August. No aircraft were observed aloft.

2 August. During the afternoon, aircraft practiced flying. At night, firing at towed sleeve targets was practiced as on 23 July.

3 August. Aircraft made flights individually and in elements of two. There was favorable weather.

4 August. Throughout the day, there was intensive air activity including firing at towed sleeve targets. The aircraft disappeared in the direction of the Schweinrich training field.

5 August. Aircraft flew individually and in elements of two.

6 August. During the morning, a close-order formation of 9 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s practiced flying and disappeared from view toward the Schweinrich training area.

8 to 12 August. No air activity was observed. The weather deteriorated.

13 August. MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s practiced flying individually and in formations of four.

14 August. Individual flights were made during the morning.

15 August. There was no air activity.

17 and 18 August. Throughout the day, there was air activity by individual aircraft and elements of two. During the afternoon of 18 August, aircraft weapons were fired at ground targets at the edge of the field. Each aircraft approached 5 or 6 times.

19 August. Aircraft practiced flying individually and in elements of two, during the morning. No air activity was observed during the afternoon.

20 August. During the morning, flights were made in elements of two. After 1900, attacks at ground targets with aircraft weapons were made. About 1700, when no air activity was conducted, 16 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were observed at the field including 4 alert aircraft south of the eastern end of the runway.<sup>1</sup>

9. On 20 August, a radio installation with one mast was observed in the eastern extension of the runway south of Grosser See. The low wooden building previously seen there was removed. A two-wire line which apparently was new, extended from the radio mast toward the fuel dump at the field. A Token-type radar set and a Fishnet-type set were located on Rockstaedterberg.<sup>2</sup>

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In early August, no changes were observed at the radio installation south of Berlinchen, the radio truck in the yard of the last building in Berlinchen, and the RKV-45 DF station.

10. On 20 August, 6 AA guns were still seen in the AA gun emplacement in the southwestern section of the field. Three other AA guns of a lighter caliber and with a muzzle brake apparently with holes were observed between the AA guns. They were surrounded by 5 or 6 men each.<sup>3</sup>
11. On 20 August, two plates, each about 1.5 meters square, apparently practice targets, were seen in front of an embankment 150 to 200 meters west of the Wittstock-Altdaber road. A gable-like structure was also seen in front of the wood. This structure as well as the plates were apparently used as ground targets since air-to-ground firing was practiced by aircraft flying from east to west.
12. The following air activity and aircraft were seen at the field between 14 and 27 July:

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15 July. No air activity was being conducted at 1240. Three MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were being towed from the hangars to the eastern end of the runway. A twin-engine aircraft and 3 to 10 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked in the area of the hangars.

16 July. No air activity was observed at 1400.

19 July. No air activity was observed at 1240.

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27 July. There was no air activity at 1400. A twin-engine aircraft and 24 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field.<sup>1</sup>

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13. On 3 August, the AA gun emplacement in the southwestern corner of the field was occupied by 6 AA guns. Personnel practiced with the guns.<sup>3</sup>

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1. Comment. During the period of observation there was the same intensive air activity as previously at Wittstock airfield which is occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with about 25 MiG-15s.

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2. Comment. The radar stations in Wittstock have changed as to their set up and location.

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- a. 1 Fishnet-type set, 1 Kniforest-type set and 2 sets of unidentified types in the southwestern corner of the field. Of the set which resembles a Fishnet-type set, two sketches were forwarded previously.

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- b. 1 Kniferest-type set and 1 Fishnet-type set near the southwestern quartering buildings.
- c. 1 Token-type set and 1 Fishnet-type set on Rockstaedter Mountain.
- d. A set, probably a SCR 584 (Whiff) type set, between the last but one hangar in the eastern direction and the landing field.

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The inner and outer low frequency approach beacons and the PKV-45 DF stations were observed at their previous locations. The radio truck with an umbrella-shaped antenna near Berlinchen is reported for the first time.

- 3.  Comment. It is believed that 2 batteries of 37-mm AA guns are located in Vit stock. Occasionally, some AA guns of a lighter caliber were also observed.
- 4.  Comment. The information that the Red Mill Inn is used as quartering facility for Soviet dependents has been confirmed.

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